

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF A WIRELINE ADOPTION )</b>	<b>WIRELINE ADOPTION</b>
<b>AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST )</b>	<b>AGREEMENT</b>
<b>CORPORATION AND HOULTON )</b>	
<b>ENTERPRISES, INC. D/B/A GUARANTEED )</b>	<b>TC03-069</b>
<b>PHONE SERVICE )</b>	

On April 17, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a wireline adoption agreement between Houlton Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Guaranteed Phone Service (Houlton) and Qwest.

On April 24, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until May 7, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed June 3, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the wireline adoption agreement between Qwest and Houlton. Commission Staff recommended its approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the wireline adoption agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the wireline adoption agreement and the wireline adoption agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the wireline adoption agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the wireline adoption agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of June, 2003.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner

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JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner